



# PRESENTATION

*of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church*

March 14, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Lent  
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## **“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her”**

Happy Laetare Sunday! We're half way through Lent, and we mark the occasion with a special Sunday. This is only one of two days in the liturgical year where rose colored vestments are allowed to be worn. The other is Gaudete Sunday during Advent. Both of these Sundays are named for the first words in the entrance antiphons in Latin, and both gaudete and laetare mean "rejoice," "be glad," or "be happy." The opening antiphon for today reads, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Using rose colored vestments, lighter in color than the purple we use throughout Lent, gives us a visual cue that something is different and lighter. So far during Lent, the church has emphasized our need to repent and believe in the gospel and to practice our faith through works of prayer, fasting, and charitable giving. Today, it reminds us that the joy we experience in knowing and loving God, putting Him first in our lives, and loving others as He loves us is so real it lifts our spirits, lightens the load, and motivates us to

discipline ourselves for the second half of Lent when we turn our attention to the cross and passion of our Lord. Family traditions can make this day different, too, and memorable. When our children were younger, we used to promise them that if the priest wore rose on this Sunday

(and Gaudete Sunday), they could have an "all you can drink pop day" (within reason!). Pop was a treat at our house then, and so it made that day pretty special for them. I encourage you to find a way to make this day a little different than all of the other Sundays in Lent.

Make the best of today, and the next four weeks. It is a good time to check our Lenten disciplines, revise them if we need to, and recommit to working on holiness in our lives. During morning prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, the Scripture reading each Sunday is from

Nehemiah. It says, "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad or weep, for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!" That is especially true this Sunday! Seize the day!

~Deacon Mike



**“GO, therefore, and MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations...”**  
-Matthew 28:19

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#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays (public): 5:00pm  
Sundays (public): 9:30am

#### Daily Mass Times

Tues & Thurs @ 8:00am (non-public)  
Weds @ 8am & Fri @ 8:45am (public)

**Adoration:** Mon-Fri, 2pm-12am

### Sacraments

#### Drive-Thru/In Reconciliation

Tues & Thurs, 5:00-5:45pm  
Sat, 4:00-4:45pm

In the Reconciliation Room in the church, or by appointment.

**Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing & Funerals:** Contact Parish Office.

### Contact

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## Church News

### Presentation of Mary: Fish Fry & Soup Suppers To-Go

Remaining dates: March 12, 19 and 26 in Kenney Hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Fish Fry—\$10.00 includes: large portion of fried fish fillets, lemon slice and tartar sauce on the side, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, roll, butter and drink. \$7.00 includes: small portion of fried fish fillets with all of the same sides. Soup Supper—\$4 includes: 12 oz serving of soup of choice, roll, butter and drink. Cash, check, or credit card accepted. Proceeds from the sale of the suppers will go to support Presentation School and preparing for our 75th year anniversary events and activities.

**Easter Environment:** If you would like to make a donation toward our Easter environment, please place your contribution in an envelope marked “Easter Decorations.” Indicate if this donation is in memory of a family member or loved one and list their name(s) on the envelope.

### Blood Drive Saturday, June 19th, 8:00 am—1:00 pm



**American Red Cross**

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. This is the earliest the Red

Cross has opened up registration so we wanted to give our parishioners an early chance to sign up! Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to make an appointment or call Barb Swanson at 651-395-0453. Appointments only. No walk-ins.

### Options for Women East Baby Bottle Drive

Next week will be the last opportunity to return your full baby bottles to the main entrance where there is a large bottle to deposit them.

#### We have a great need for adorers!

9:00pm Fridays  
4:00pm Mondays

Call Barb Kleiter at  
651-774-1172 for information.



## Panther News

Enroll your child for the 2021-22 school year. Visit <https://presentationofmaryschool.org/admissions/> for information. Financial aid applications are due **March 19th!**

See the most recent Panther Post by visiting <https://conta.cc/3dUfbIN>.

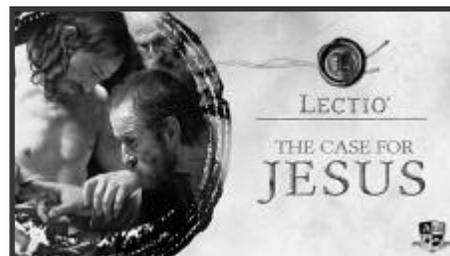


The Presentation Parish Pastoral Council is hosting a Logo Contest as part of our 75th anniversary celebration! Draw your design on a 4”x6” white notecard or piece of paper and turn it in to the school or church office by March 16th. Logo can be color or black/white and must be hand drawn—no computer-generated images allowed. Simple text is allowed. One entry per person. Name and phone number should be written on the back of your design.

### In the Words of the Saints



“Christ beside me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me.”  
~Saint Patrick  
Feast Day March 17



### FORMED Pick of the Week: “Lectio: The Case for Jesus”

Do you follow Jesus ‘on the way’? Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ’s divinity.

Dr. Pitre’s powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is “the Christ, the Son of the living God,” but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

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Enter code: **H8DVRZ**

## Mass Readings: March 15th—March 21st

Mon., Mar. 15	Tues., Mar. 16	Wed., Mar. 17	Thurs., Mar. 18	Fri., Mar. 19	Sat., Mar. 20	Sun., Mar. 21
Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2-6, 11-13 Jn 4:43-54	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-9 Jn 5:1-16	Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13-18 Jn 5:17-30	Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24	Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9-12 Jn 7:40-53	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

## Calendar and Mass Intentions

To make a Mass intention request, please contact the Parish Office.

<b>Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention (For the People)
<b>Monday, March 15</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († John Brake)
<b>Wednesday, March 17—Saint Patrick</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Albert Seckinger)
<b>Thursday, March 18—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</b>
8:00 a.m. Mass Intention († Jared Leyendecker)
<b>Friday, March 19—Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:45 a.m. Mass Intention (For the School)
<b>Saturday, March 20—First Day of Spring</b>
5:00 p.m. Mass Intention (For the People)
<b>Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:30 a.m. Mass Intention († James Gormley)

**Coming this Sunday and next!** A new ministry at Presentation called **Gardens of Giving**, based on the care of creation and giving to others, will be distributing seed packets and growing pots to individuals wishing to expand their vegetable gardens. The harvested produce will then be returned to church and distributed to those in need during the months of June – early October. If you would like to pick up seed packets they will be available after masses this weekend and next. Contact Kay Mottaz at 651-842-6022 if interested in volunteering for this ministry or with any questions.



### Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers

**Helen Braun.**

Our sympathy to her families and friends.



### PBVM Drive-In

As the cold sets in, park your car, come in the church and make your way to the Reconciliation Room.

**Tues & Thurs, 5:00-5:45pm**  
**Sat, 4:00-4:45pm**



**HEO Welcomes Food Donations**—Donations of canned and dry goods can be brought to the church during the PBVM Drive-In hours (listed below). Thank you for your generous support!

## Lenten Calendar of Services and Events

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Public & virtual)

Fridays: March 19 & 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Church

### MEATLESS MEALS, TO-GO ONLY

Fridays, March 12, 19 & 26. Pick up in Kenney Hall between 5:00-7:30 p.m.



### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

February 17 & ALL Fridays in Lent—those 14 and older may not eat meat.

### DAYS OF FAST

On Good Friday, for those who are able, ages 18 through 59, may eat one full meatless meal, as well as two smaller meatless snacks that together do not equal a full meal.

### Lenten Day of Mercy (Public)

Thursday, March 18, 2:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple confessors available. Stay for Adoration and reflection in a peaceful setting before our Lord.

**The Solemnity of Saint Joseph** (March 19th) falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Since it is a liturgical Solemnity, and this is the Year of Saint Joseph, the faithful are not obliged to observe Lenten mortifications that day, nor obliged to abstain from eating meat. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and helps preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, it also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

### The Church of St Jerome Presents

An Evening of prayer and reflection for Men  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**THEME:** St. Joseph, the earthly Father of Jesus, and our spiritual Father.

Featured Speaker – Deacon Joseph Michalak, M.A.T., Director of the Institute of Diaconate Formation at the St. Paul Seminary. The evening will include:  
Speaker presentation 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Benediction and Prayer 7:00 – 7:30 PM  
Reservations required for in person attendance, or watch via live stream. Visit the St. Jerome website at [www.stjerome-church.org](http://www.stjerome-church.org) for more information.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*Financial information for March 6/7 & March 13/14 will be available in the March 20/21*



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